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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

Minutes of the First Meeting, 30 June 1958

MEMBERS PRESENT

STATE	- Leo Goodman
	John J. Morrow
AIR	- Major George Kudravetz
JIG	- John Easton
ONI	- Lt. Cmdr. H.A. Dorr
AEC	- Doris Freer
CIA	- <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">REDACTED</span> Chairman Secretary 25X1A9a
ACSI	- Not represented

VISITORS

STATE - Richard Calhoun

1. Accreditation. The Chairman requested each participating agency to indicate security clearances in writing for each member and his alternate.

2. Objectives. The objectives for 1958 of the predecessor Procurement Sub-committee of the Advisory Committee on Foreign Language Publications were reviewed with possible changes in perspective or operation in mind. Members were asked to contribute additions.

3. Committee Membership and Structure. It was agreed to establish any working groups on an ad hoc basis when needed. The Secretary was instructed to invite participation by appropriate representatives from the National Science Foundation, National Security Agency and the United States Information Agency. Participation by the Library of Congress in PROCIAC meetings was discussed. Committee members were requested to report on their positions relative to this by the next meeting.

4. H.R. 11906 and H.R. 12629. The Chairman reported on Congressman Dingell's (D., Mich.) proposed amendments to the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as it would affect the publications procurement program. The Chairman stated that CIA and

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State are watching progress on this bill and will keep Committee members advised. (For a description of these amendments cf. Congressional Record for 22 May, 1958, vol. 104, no. 81, pages 8400-8402.)

5. Future Committee Meetings. Committee meetings will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in Room 1053 M Building.

6. Reports on Recent Trips

a. Africa. The State member reported on his trip to 12 countries of sub-Saharan Africa. At the U.S. posts in these countries, he found no officers designated publications procurement responsibility, no funds for a selection program. He arranged for the appointment of ad-hoc publications procurement officers and requested that they survey their area and report. USIA and other U.S. representatives at the post were requested to cooperate in the procurement program. Copies of an appropriate summary of Mr. Goodman's trip report will be provided the members of the Committee.

In connection with this report, the Chairman called attention to a CIA/OCR project currently underway in London. Material on Africa of interest to CIA is being selected from the Colonial Office Library for microfilming or procurement when available. Other potential users of this channel for procurement are being asked for their lacunae. The project will terminate in August, 1958, after which OCR will prepare an accessions list of this material for circulation.

b. Europe, etc. The Chairman reported on the trip he, together with 2 colleagues from OCR, recently completed visiting all the major capitals of Western Europe, Cairo and Ankara. The trip was undertaken to review publications procurement operations in the field; re-emphasize need for continued cooperation between field collectors; clarify graphics procurement requirements, etc. Attention was called to the potential of such places as Helsinki, for example, as a source for procurement of USSR publications. A summary was made of the Publications Procurement Officer Conference in Paris, April 16, 1958.

c. Asia, etc. The Chairman announced that the AD/CR, with a representative from the CIA Library, Acquisitions Branch, will leave for a tour of the Far East on procurement matters. An itinerary will be provided in time for appropriate coordination.

7. Reproduction of Single Copy-Items. The Secretary mentioned to the Committee the large volume of reproduced copies of single copy items being prepared by

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CIA for the benefit of other agencies. He cautioned members regarding the rising costs of such a program and the anticipated increasing pressure being brought to bear on the CIA Library to justify such expenditures. There was discussion concerning ways and means to reduce this load, such as a greater use of borrowing of such items for reproduction by the requesting agency. An approximate breakdown of the present volume of reproduction is submitted as an attachment.

8. Collection Evaluation Studies. Reference was made to a call by the Chairman of the predecessor Subcommittee for an evaluation of Far Eastern procurement. The State representatives, coordinating this evaluation, urged that contributions be submitted as soon as possible. It was agreed to include Australia and New Zealand. Members were requested to consider these other areas as targets for future evaluation studies: Latin America, Africa, Scandinavian countries, etc.

9. Classified Supplement to L.C. Serial Publications of the Soviet Union, 1939-1957. The Library of Congress issued recently a publication Serial Publications of the Soviet Union, 1939-1957. This lists major U.S. library holdings of USSR serials. It was agreed that a classified supplement to this publication would be desirable. The CIA Library will coordinate this project and report.

10. Moscow Air Cargo. Attention was called to a recent communique from U.S. Embassy Moscow reporting on an increase of 150 per cent in freight rates from Moscow. The agencies concerned in this logistics program (State, [redacted] Agr., etc.) have been notified of this sizable increase and are willing to add their share to the pool, in order to continue to provide fast service on shipments from Moscow.

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